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Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Assessment
Air Quality Assessment Division

Baton Rouge Rate of Progress Demonstration
State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision
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Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R. S. 30:2001 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the Office of Environmental Assessment, Air Quality Assessment Division, will submit a revision to the SIP for the five-parish Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area to demonstrate that current control strategies are sufficient to achieve the required emission reductions of at least 3% per year from the baseline for the years 1999-2005. The Reasonable Further Progress or Rate of Progress Demonstration is required by Section 182(c) of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

A public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on February 24, 2005, in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Room C-111, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposal. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, please contact Vivian H. Aucoin at (225) 219-3575 or at the address listed below. Free parking is available across the street in the Galvez parking garage when the parking ticket is validated by department personnel at the hearing.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this proposed SIP revision no later than 4:30 p.m., February 28, 2005, to Vivian H. Aucoin, Office of Environmental Assessment, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314 or to FAX (225) 219-3582 or by e-mail to vivian.aucoin@la.gov.

A copy of the proposed SIP revision may be viewed from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the DEQ Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, La. An electronic version will be available at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/evaluation/ozone/index.htm>.

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